



# G-5's "Eye on AMC" U.S. Army Materiel Command

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## **Soldiers receive new gear rapidly from PEO Soldier**

All Soldiers in Iraq will be issued fourteen pieces of new Army equipment from the Rapid Fielding Initiative, according to Army officials.

Not all Soldiers in Iraq have been issued RFI equipment, but Program Executive Office Soldier anticipates by the end of fiscal year 2004, all deployed Soldiers to Iraq will be wearing equipment provided under RFI.

"We are doing everything we can to make that goal a reality," said Charles Rash, acting Deputy of PEO Soldier. "Next, our objective is to finish equipping the remainder of the operational Army with RFI by the end of FY07."

RFI is a system set up by PEO. Responsibilities to the Army include testing and fielding improved equipment and gear. Since 2002, it has received a total of \$1.2 billion in funding.

Before RFI was established, Soldiers could expect a wait of up to five years to get new boots. Today, RFI has drastically reduced this wait so Soldiers could receive their boots in one year and ten months from when they put in the request. "RFI is about making things happen a lot faster and it has been very successful with that," said Rash.

RFI is fielding a total of 49 state-of-the-art equipment types in the categories of force protection/mobility, lethality, Soldier mission essential equipment, and individual weapons/optics. Some of the RFI equipment issued to all Soldiers includes the Advanced Combat Helmet, the Infantry Combat Boot Type II and the Wiley X Goggles.

*Information from the Army News Service*

## **AMC to receive Small Business Program awards**

The U.S. Army Materiel Command has been selected to receive the 2003 Small Business Program Award and the 2003 Historically Black College and Universities/Minority Institutions Program Award during an upcoming Army conference. The major command-level program is designed to recognize the superior performance for the individual Small Business Program area that encourages innovation and initiative.

"These awards are a tribute to the outstanding command-wide contributions of the AMC small business team working in cooperation with our contracting and requirements partners," said Scott Crosson, associate director for Small Business at AMC. "AMC's small business contractors provide innovative solutions to the Army's warfighting and support challenges every day and our program is a critical component of the Army Small Business Program."

The awards will be presented to AMC July 1, during the upcoming Army Small Business Training Conference in Orlando, Fla.

## **New training keeps Army employees on cutting edge of radar repair**

Spinning antenna dishes and blinking scopes are adding realism to Tobyhanna Army Depot's radar training courses. Technical Development Division instructors are incorporating the fully functioning but scaled-down systems into revised and newly-developed courses to enhance the skills of personnel working on the depot's growing radar repair and overhaul missions.

Instructors developed and are now teaching courses that offer training on antenna and radar theory, which support several types of radar systems maintained at the depot. Students include depot engineers, engineering technicians and electronics-mechanics.

"Previously, the courses were strictly lecture. The small radar systems provide hands-on experience for students and the practical exercises we use are proving very effective in reinforcing the classroom training," said Gordon Butler, an instructor at Tobyhanna.